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ECONOMETRIC MODELLING: SOVIET REQUEST FOR DELAY OF
HARDGRAVE AND SIBLEY VISITS (01.010104)

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1. INASHVILI, SCST, CALLED EMBASSY AT COB, MAY 12, TO ADVISE THAT SOVIETS WOULD LIKE TO DELAY HARDGRAVE'S AND SIBLEY'S ARRIVAL (MAY 14 AND 21, RESPECTIVELY, REFS A AND B) UNTIL MAY 28. INASHVILI EXPRESSED REGRET THAT CENTRAL ECONOMICS-MATHEMATICS INSTITUTE WAS NOT PREPARED TO RECEIVE US SPECIALISTS AS SCHEDULED ABOVE. HE INDICATED THAT DR. VLADIMIR IOFFE AT THE ABOVE INSTITUTE WOULD REPEAT THIS REQUEST TO DR. AUFENKAMP DURING SCHEDULED (REF C) MAY 12 TELCON.

2. EMBASSY RESPONDED THAT IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE HOW SOVIETS COULD WAIT SO LONG TO ASK FOR A DELAY AND THAT SOVIET FAILURE TO MEET AGREED-UPON COMMITMENT CAN ONLY
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HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THIS PROJECT IN PARTICULAR AND THE AGREEMENT IN GENERAL. WE POINTED OUT THAT IT IS PROBABLY ALREADY TOO LATE TO TURN OFF HARDGRAVE'S ARRIVAL. INASHVILI RESPONDED THAT IOFFE WILL TRY TO PERSUADE AUFENKAMP TO PUT OFF THE VISITS.

3. COMMENT. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT EITHER AUFENKAMP

OR US S&T AGREEMENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MORRIS,
PREFERABLY THE LATTER, SEND ASAP A LETTER EXPRESSING US
DISSATISFACTION AND DISAPPOINTMENT AND URGING THAT THE
VISIT PROCEED AS SCHEDULED. END COMMENT. TOON

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